

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2188**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application. No:	10/783,960	§	Examiner:	Portka, Gary J.
Filed:	February 20, 2004	§	Group/Art Unit:	2188
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Title:		§		
	METHOD AND	§		
	APPARATUS FOR	§		
	GLOBAL ORDERING	§		
	TO INSURE LATENCY	§		
	INDEPENDENT	§		
	COHERENCE	§		

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF  
DECEMBER 20, 2006**

**Mail Stop AF**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action of December 20, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.